GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:295
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2007
SERVICES UNDER TELECOM SECTOR
Prasad Shri Hari Kewal

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the services offered under the Government and Private telecom sector in the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of villages in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh where WLL Services have been provided;

(c) the number of villages deprived off WLL facility; and

(d) the time by which WLL Services will be provided in the remaining villages of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, all types of telecom services including landline, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), GSM Mobile, Internet, Broadband, Leased Lines, Multi Protocol Label Switching (MPLS), V-Sat and Intelligent network services are provided.

(b) Total 4,04,311 villages are covered by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) through WLL in the country including 76,718 villages in U.P. as on 31.10.2007.

(c) Total 2,03,180 villages are still to be covered in the country as on 31.10.2007.

(d) Out of the left over 2,03,180 villages, about 14,000 villages will be covered on/through Digital Satellite Phone Terminal (DSPT). About 35,000 villages are uninhabited, deep forest and with hilly terrain, which are not proposed to be covered through WLL Services, but for the incidental coverage with which some of the villages may be covered. The remaining villages shall be covered by WLL progressively by the year 2008-09.